

Response to Assisted Dying Review Panel

We refer to your email dated 31st October requesting our views as to whether there has been sufficient public awareness about the Draft Assisted Dying Law (Jersey) 202- .

In response, our view is that there has been quite a lot of information available on the Government website regarding the draft law & upcoming debate in January 2026. In particular, the websites entitled “Public engagement summary report on assisted dying in Jersey” & “Assisted dying in Jersey” are informative. We see that in-person sessions were conducted in 2022 in respect of this draft law and further sessions are now being run this Autumn until January 2026 with some being supported by Enable Jersey allowing any Jersey resident to attend. We acknowledge that a number of methods have been used to publicise these sessions including using social media, conventional media, radio, digital screen advertising in public places & via various organisations & in languages other than English.

For some members of our community, it is possible that they may be “in the dark” on this issue particularly, the infirm that may have sight or other sensory disabilities, those residing outside of a domestic setting who may not venture outside regularly or do not access media or the internet.

In the event that the draft law is passed by the States Assembly, aside from normal channels of public communication such as media, perhaps a leaflet could be created as a mail shot explaining that the Assisted Dying Law is coming into force and making it clear that it is intended purely for public awareness. This could cover where information may be found on a specific website or alternatively a contact number to gain further information.

Perhaps posters could be created detailing basic information such as eligibility which can be distributed to organisations such as our own for public display.